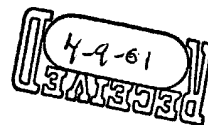


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**IN THE ABSTRACT**

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--One embodiment of the present invention is a method and machine readable medium for determining optimal values of design parameters of a subsystem to meet design constraints. The subsystem includes a number of circuits. A parameter function is created for the corresponding circuits. The parameter function represents a relationship among the design parameters. Initial design points for the parameter functions are selected to satisfy the design constraints. New design points for the parameter functions are selected to optimize design parameters within the design constraints--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this response, which includes cancellation of claim 21 and amendments to claims 1, 4, 10-12, 14, 17-20, 22-23, and 25.

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1. (TWICE AMENDED) A method comprising:
 - (a) creating parameter functions for a plurality of circuits in a subsystem, the subsystem having design constraints, each one of the parameter functions corresponding to each one of the circuits, the parameter functions representing a relationship among the design parameters;
 - (b) selecting initial design points for the parameter functions to satisfy the design constraints; and